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Speedometer Record—Episode Four

“THE QUAGMIRE”

When “Speed” saves himself, he runs into Pierre, his valet, who informs him that Lucy is again a prisoner. “Speed” tells his man to get the cavalry’s assistance while he goes on ahead to try to save the girl. The bandit chief is delighted to see the girl again, but the interruption of “Speed” and the soldiers causes a skirmish, and with the girl Pedro escapes through a secret passageway.

“Speed” is captured and thrown into a dungeon, and one of the bandits pulls a lever causing the dungeon to be filled with water. He makes his escape by swimming out where the

waters empty into the river. Returning to the fortress, he is again attacked, but makes a thrilling escape by springing on a horse’s back and leaping from the parapet of the castle into the moat—then dashing away on the horse.

Lucy, meanwhile, is a prisoner of Pious Pedro, and is taken to a small shanty in a forest. The girl cleverly plans her escape. Hurrying through the storm, she is suddenly caught in a quicksand, and sinks. “Speed,” lost in the storm, hears her cries for help and hastens to her aid. Just as he rides under a big tree, a bolt of lightning strikes and sends it crashing to the ground, pinning “Speed” and his horse by its weight.

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